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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, DECEMBER 21, 2001

REQUEST OF

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER
COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE010370

For additional time to comply
with the Rules Governing
Retail Access to Competitive
Energy Services

ORDER ON WAIVER REQUEST

On December 20, 2001, Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Dominion Virginia Power" or "the Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a request for waiver of Rules 20 VAC 5-312-90(I) and 20 VAC 5-312-90(J) (collectively, the "Billing Rules") for 30 days, or until February 1, 2002. In support of its request, the Company states that because of the anticipated length of time necessary for Commission Staff to review the various filings required by the Commission in Case Nos. PUE010306 and PUE000584, the Company is unable to complete the necessary modifications to its billing and payment systems to comply with the Billing Rules by January 1, 2002.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the request, finds that a 30-day waiver from the Billing Rules is not necessary for Dominion Virginia Power to comply with the Rules.

Although we appreciate the Company's attention to and concern with compliance with the Billing Rules, we do not believe that the January 1, 2002 deadline is applicable to bills for service rendered prior to that date. Since customers who choose to participate in the implementation of retail choice beginning January 1, 2002 will not receive a bill reflecting their choice of supplier until the February billing cycle, we believe that Dominion Virginia Power will comply with the Billing Rules if it begins billing customers using the new bill content and format on February 1, 2002. We therefore find that the granting of the Company's request for a 30-day waiver to comply with the Billing Rules is unnecessary.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) Dominion Virginia Power's request for waiver of Rules 20 VAC 5-312-90(I) and 20 VAC 5-312-90(J) is hereby denied as unnecessary, since the Billing Rules permit the Company to begin billing customers using the new bill content and format on February 1, 2002.

(2) This case shall remain open for further orders of the Commission.